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Sir:

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		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO
		JP-U-5-95349 (Discussed in the background of the invention of the specification)	12/27/93	JAPAN				X	
		JP-A-2000-103289 * (Discussed in the background of the invention of the specification)	4/11/00	JAPAN				X	
		JP-A-2000-159026 * (Discussed in the background of the invention of the specification)	6/13/00	JAPAN				X	
		JP-U-4-133951 (Discussed in the background of the invention of the specification)	12/14/92	JAPAN				X	
		JP-A-9-193952 * (Discussed in the background of the invention of the specification)	7/29/97	JAPAN				X	
		JP-A-9-295542 *	11/18/97	JAPAN				X	

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OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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